

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 16 and any other kind of gun control you propose

I always hear the term “common sense” gun laws. This bill lacks all sorts of common sense.

Common sense would be to enforce the existing laws already on the books.

Common sense would be to concentrate on the 20% who cause 80% of the problems, not wide-sweeping laws that affect the some 300,000 lawful gun owners in Connecticut. Common sense would be to know that a tiny .22 rifle isn’t any deadlier just because it has a pistol grip.

Common sense would be to not ban a type of rifle because of ONE unspeakable tragedy by a lunatic.

Common sense would tell you that a sign on a bus saying ‘no firearms” will be ignored by a gang member late at night looking for a victim.

Stop listening to the people who keep parroting the same term “common sense”.

I addition, I also OPPOSE House Bill 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised Senate Bill 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON’S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised House Bill 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES. I SUPPORT Raised House Bill 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,

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